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January 5, 2002

Attorney General John Ashcroft, Department of Justice

950 Pennsylvania Avenue NW

Washington, DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I wanted to drop a quick letter to you congratulating you on the settlement that was reached between Microsoft and the Department of Justice. It was more than fair, and I do not want or need to see any more action against Microsoft at the federal level. Please move forward with the terms that have been agreed to in the settlement. The agreement calls for Microsoft to document *for its competitors* various interoperability protocols inherent in the Windows' operating system. That incredible amount of disclosure alone should revitalize the competitive energies of many companies, since it could theoretically make all products work equally well on any computer with Windows.

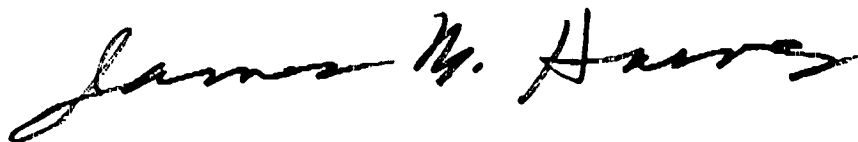
America is in the middle of a recession, and hampering Microsoft's abilities, as well as other firms' abilities, to bring innovative products to the marketplace is not the way to save our economy. This whole mess started when the suit was brought against Microsoft three years ago, and now we have passed the point of return. Allowing Microsoft to get back to business as usual, while abiding by the terms of the settlement, is the best way to rescue America's economy. The legal actions by the government have affected more people than was anticipated, and it is time to right that wrong.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and please allow the terms of the settlement that was reached between Microsoft and the DOJ to fall in to place. It will prove wise in the long run.

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Sincerely,



James Harvey

cc: Senator Strom Thurmond

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